

Item #: 23

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**JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND
MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE MEMPHIS AND SHELBY
COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION (MSPSC) TO ASSIST WITH THE
NEGOTIATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS ACCEPTABLE TO THE
SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE MEMPHIS POLICE
DEPARTMENT TO FUNCTIONALLY CONSOLIDATE DUPLICATIVE UNITS,
SERVICES AND/OR FUNCTION**

WHEREAS, The Memphis City Council and Shelby County Board of Commissioners desire to explore all options to reduce violent crime and make the most efficient use of taxpayer funds; and

WHEREAS, Functional consolidation of some law enforcement functions performed by both Memphis Police Department and Shelby County Sheriff's Office can provide more coordinated and effective law enforcement to Memphis and Shelby County citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Memphis Crime Commission in 2003 recommended the consolidation of several law enforcement functions, including Training Academies, Communication Technology, Criminal Investigations, COMPSTAT, Traffic, Tactical Response, Canine Unit, Search and Rescue, Special Events and Internal Affairs; and

WHEREAS, With the help of an outside expert in law enforcement consolidation other opportunities to save money, provide greater efficiency and better protect all Shelby County residents may be possible; and

WHEREAS, The Memphis and Shelby County Public Safety Commission (MSPSC), (hereinafter referred to as (MSPSC)), will be comprised of seven members; and

WHEREAS, The Memphis Police Department (MPD) shall have one representative, the Memphis Police Association (MPA) shall have one representative, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) shall have one representative, the Shelby County Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) shall have one representative, the Shelby County Mayor shall have one representative not affiliated with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) or the Memphis Police Department (MPD), the City of Memphis Mayor shall have one representative not affiliated with the Memphis Police Department (MPD) or Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), the final representative shall serve as the chair of the (MSPSC) and shall be a joint appointee by the Shelby County Mayor and the City of Memphis Mayor, and all appointments, including the chair, shall be subject to confirmation by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners and the Memphis City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, That the (MSPSC) be formed to assist and facilitate the negotiation of interlocal agreements between Shelby County and the City of Memphis to functionally consolidate services within their respective law enforcement agencies. Said Board shall be dissolved by operation of law three years from the effective date of this Resolution unless extended by joint legislative action of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners and Memphis City Council.

Additionally, as a part of the interlocal agreements, the (MSPSC) will establish parameters and processes, for not only the implementation of these interlocal agreements, but also for measuring the effectiveness of the agreements. This assessment process will create a data file and on-going evaluation process in advance of any potential final interlocal agreement(s) leading to the completion of the merger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Memphis Police Department (MPD) shall have one representative, the Memphis Police Association (MPA) shall have one representative, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) shall have one representative, the Shelby County Deputy Sheriff's Association (DSA) shall have one representative, the Shelby County Mayor shall have one representative not affiliated with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) or the Memphis Police Department (MPD) and shall not be a public employee, the City of Memphis

Mayor shall have one representative not affiliated with the Memphis Police Department (MPD) or the Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) and shall not be a public employee, the final representative shall serve as the chair of the (MSPSC), shall not be a public employee, and shall be a joint appointee by the Shelby County Mayor and the City of Memphis Mayor, and all appointments, including the chair, shall be subject to confirmation by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners and the Memphis City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the (MSPSC) shall have no governing authority over either the Shelby County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) or the Memphis Police Department (MPD).

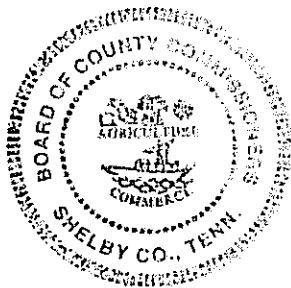
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the specific duties of the (MSPSC) shall include the following:

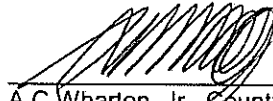
- Develop a plan for the merging some appropriate functions of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and Memphis Police Department;
- Assist in the drafting and submission of a series of proposed interlocal agreements with the approval of a simple majority of the Commission membership. Said proposals requiring final approval of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis Police Department, County and City legislative bodies and the County and City Mayors to implement the functional consolidation plan;
- Establish a mechanism(s) for measuring the effectiveness of each interlocal agreement; and
- Interview and employ a consultant(s) with the approval of the County Commission and City Council to assist with one or all of the above mentioned duties as necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the (MSPSC) will be staffed with existing resources from City Council and County Commission staff and the City and County Attorneys' Offices. The budget for the (MSPSB) will be primarily limited to the cost of consultants to assist with the implementation. The fees for consultants will be appropriated equally through the County Commission and City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the (MSPSC) be formed as expeditiously as practicable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution become effective according to law.




A C Wharton, Jr., County Mayor

Date: 2/24/08

ATTEST:


Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 11, 2008